

TO THE Hd. 7. 660. 7
RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE
COMMONS
OF
ENGLAND

Assembled in
PARLIAMENT.

The humble Petition and Appeal
of *Martha Hatt* alias *Arundel*, an aged Wi-
dow, in behalf of her selfe, her poor Or-
phan daughter, and distressed family.

Sheweth,



HAT your Petitioner hath been ever faithfull to
the Kingdome of *England*, and hath contributed
very largely to supply the necessities of its Forces in
Ireland, both in Army and Garrisons: That your Pe-
titioner and her first Husband lived in a very plen-
tiful condition before the late Rebellion; her said
Husband being an Officer of Horse there many
years before the Rebellion, for which service there is due
to your Petitioner a considerable summe of money for himselfe
and

and his two men, which was allowed to all Officers or
served in her said Husbands Capacity, the old standing A^R
M^Y being long unpaid when the Rebellion began, as do h appea^r
by the Lord *Robert Dillons* Muster Rolls; that her said husband ser-
ved in the same capacity in the Province of *Conaught*, from the 26th
of *October*, 1641. untill the 18 of *August*, 1643. and then dyed
his wounds and hurts contracted in the said Service; Maintained
himselfe and four men well mounted and armed, received no pay at
all, spent both his substance and his life, in the maintaining of the
English Rights and Interest against the bloody Rebels.

That by reason of an Act of pretended Parliamentary power, pas-
sed on the 26th. of *September*, 1652. The said Act relating thus,
viz. That such onely of this present Army, or that have been, are
to receive satisfaction for their service, the which word [*onely*] hath
to this day excluded your Petitioner and her said Orphan from re-
ceiving any the least satisfaction or relief for her just Demands, al-
though the price of her dear Husbands life: Nor could she ever
obtain any satisfaction for Moneys, or Provisions, or Horses, or
Arms; yet no reason or cause could ever be given for the same, but
only because your Petitioners just Demands were due to her before
the year 1649.

That by reason of the foresaid Act granted in *Septemb.* 1652. many
Rebels and known Felons being in Armes with the grand Traytors
of *Ireland*, from the yeare 1641. untill the yeare 1651. such as are
known bred Papists, and had nothing to live upon before the late
Rebellion, have enriched themselves by their Robberies and
Spoyls, committed by them on the English Protestants, where-
by they have purchased friends, and have been admitted to take
out Debenters, and have had Lands allotted to them for their ser-
vice done since the year 1649. as your oppressed Petitioner can de-
monstrate and clearly prove.

That your Petitioner living in the County of *Longford*, at her
then dwelling-house called *Blenevour*, where one *Thomas Dowling*,
then a grand Rebell of the County of *Wicklow*, came in the year
1641. in the moneth of *November*, and brought with him about 140.
Rebels, and brake open your Petitioners house, and robbed and
plundered her to the value of three hundred pounds and upwards;
For which Fact your Petitioner brought her Action against the said

Dowling, and in the year 1655. Your Petitioner had the said *Dowling* under a lawful arrest in *Dublin*, and a Prisoner in the Sheriff of *Dublin*'s custody, who was violently taken from the Baylis by one *James Mortimer* the then Sergeant at Arms to the then Council in *Ireland*.

That in the time of mutuall Cessation of Armes in the year 1646. your Petitioner in her repair to *Dublin*, was robbed of her Plate by one *David Shorne* a Dutch-man, who went over into *Ireland*, in the year 1641. in one Capt. *Marrows* Troop to fight against the Rebels: But he finding the Rebels most likely then to prevail, ran from his Colours to the Rebels, and there continued until the year 1651. wch. said *Shorne* in the yeare 1646. as aforesaid on the high way in the time of Cessation, robbed your Petitioner to the value of 80*l*. For which Fact your Petitioner brought her Suit, and in the year 1654. obtained Judgement, Decree, and Execution for the said fourscore pounds, and six pounds three shillings six pence cost of Suit, but was frustrated of the benefit thereof under the pretence of Articles, although no Articles, nor no Protections, nor any iust cause was, or could be shewed at the times of Tryals, why Judgement should not proceed against them for their Villanies, there being Decrees against them both: but afterwards they produced Protection given them for the same purpose, to protect them against the known Lawes of the Land, there being no such name or names to be found in the Books of Articles: Neither is the said *Thomas Dowling*, or *David Shorne* comprehended, included, or pardoned by any Articles made or granted to any part or place of *Ireland* on any Terms or Conditions what soever: Only by Protections, and the advice and opinion of Sir *Hardresse Waller*, Major *Anthony Morgan*, and Colonel *Theophil. Jones* who gave the said arbitrary & illegal Protections. Thus is your poor oppressed Petitioner, her Orphan, and distressed Family utterly destroyed, and left without hopes of Relief, unlesse relieved by your Honors: where now in the winter of her dayes she is greatly necessitated to address her self, and to make her humble Petition and Appeal to your Honours for Justice, and some speedy Relief to preserve her, & her distressed Family from starving: She having had a very plentiful personal Estate before the late Rebellion; but her Estate being onely personall, swept clean away by the bloody Rebels, the most part of them being fled into *Spain*, their Lands forfeited, and your Petitioner left remediless.

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The truth of her constant good affection to the Kingd^m of England, her large contributing to supply its great necessities in Ireland, her great losses, long sufferings, and present sad and miserable condition being attested under the hands and Seals of the under written persons, both of honour and fidelity.

That besides her large contributions, her moneys lent for the use of the Army, together with Provisions, Horses, and Arms, your Petitioner in the time of her said Husband, and in the time of her Widowhood, hath lost by the rage and fury of the Enemy there to the value of 2000 pound and upwards.

The Premises being tenderly considered,

Your Petitioner in all humilitie makes her humble petition and appeal to your Honours for justice and speedy relief, and prays your Honours for Gods cause to appoint her a Committee to examine the truths of her oppressed cry, or in case your weighty & publique Affairs will not at present admit of the granting your Petitioner a Committee to examine her whole complaint: whereby she may receive her just demands, both for her said husbands service before the rebellion & since, & what is justly due to her for Horses, Arms, Provisions, and money by her lent: to Colonel *Richard Coot*, and to grant her the benefit of the Law against the said *Thomas Dowling*, and the benefit of her just proceedings and decree against the said *David Thorn* with such additional costs and charges as she hath been compelled to expend in the prosecution of her business: yet in mercy and compassion to the Widdow and fatherless, be pleased to grant them such speedy releif as may preserve them from perishing, according as your honours in wisdom and justice shall think meet, and they shall ever pray.

Martha Hat alias Arundel

Sir Charles Coot.
Sir Robert King.
Sir Rob. Newcomin
Major Miles Symner

Capt. Robert Parks.
Capt. Richard Saint George
Cap. James King

Capt Ed. Croston.
Cap. Tho. Mapother
Alder. Rob. Mills
Mr. Tho. Croston Minister

here followeth the arbitrary and illegal protections, owned by
Sir Hardres Waller, Major Anthony Morgan, and Colone
Theophilus Jones and maintained against your Petitioner as Arti-
cles of Warr.

W Hereas *Thomas Dowling* for divers sufficient reasons, is received
into the protection of the Common-wealth of *England*, these
are therefore to assure him of all safety, both in his person, family
and goods, and that he the said *Thomas Dowling*, shall not suffer nor
be liable to answer or be otherwise molested sued or troubled, for
any act or acts, thing or things whatsoever, committed or done by
him since the beginning of the rebellion in *Ireland*, Murther and
Massacre only excepted: whereof all concerned, are desired to
take notice, and quietly to permit the said *Thomas Dowling* with his
family and goods to live peaceably within the quarters without
let or molestation, he behaving himself as becometh.

Dated the 12 of *June*, 1651.

Theophilus Jones.

W Hereas Major *David Shorne* for divers sufficient reasons is re-
ceived into the protection of the Common-Wealth of *En-
gland*: these are therefore to assure him of all safety both in his per-
son family and goods, and that he the said Major *David Shorne* shall
not suffer, nor be liable to answer, or be otherwise molested, sued or
troubled for any act or acts, thing or things whatsoever, committed
or done by him since the beginning of the rebellion in *Ireland*, Mur-
ther and Massacre only excepted; whereof all concerned are desired
to take notice, and quietly to permit the said Major *David Shorn*
with his family and goods to live peaceably within the quarters, he
behaving himself as becometh.

Dated the 12 of *June* 1651.

Theophilus Jones

Your Honours poor Petitioners Certificates here follow.

I Do hereby certifie that Cornet *Hatt* was a Cornet in the old *stan* Army in *Ireland*, before the rebellion, and that he served in that capacity in the province of *Connaught* after the rebellion, and was with my selfe on several services against the Rebels untill his death, after which his wife Mrs *Martha Hat* an English gentlewoman lived in *Roscomon Castle Coote* and *Athlone*, untill they were taken or surprised by the Rebels, and then in her repair to *Dublin*, (as I have been credibly informed, she was robbed by the enemy & all she had taken from her, which hath reduced her to great extremity; and I do further certifie that I never knew nor have heard, but that she was alwaies a woman of a good life and conversation, and to my certain knowledge, she was whilest she had it, very charitable to the *Engliss* that were stripped and robbed in the beginning of the rebellion.

Dated at *Dublin* this 26 of *Februarie*, 1655.

Charls Coot.

WE do hereby certifie all whom it may concern, that Mrs. *Martha Arundel* was wife to Cornet *Simon Hatt*, and that she is an English gentlewoman, a constant Protestant, and that after her husbands death, who dyed in the service against the Rebels, he having done very good service against them, she delivered up his horses and Arms to Sir *Charls Coot*, and lent fifty pounds to Sir *Charls Coot* for the use of the Army, and lived in *Roscommon, Castle Coote*, and *Athlone*, untill she hired a Convoy to convoy her to *Dublin*, in which journey she was robbed by the enemy, as we have heard very often credibly reported, likewise we know that she and her husband lived in a very plentiful condition before the rebellion, and hath had her house burnt to the ground, and all her Cattel, Corn, and substance taken from her by the Rebels, which we humbly testifie, well knowing the same to be certain truth: witness our hands this 3 of *May* 1656.

Sir *Robert King* Muster-Master General of *Ireland*.

Sir *Robert Newcomin* Knight and Baronet.

Captain *James King*.

Major *Miles Symnor*.

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At the request of Mrs. *Martha Arundel* we do hereby certifie that we knew her former Husband very well, an English gentleman Justice of the peace, a man of a good estate, and a constant Protestant, and a very great sufferer both in his person and in his estate, having lost by the rage and fury of the bloody Rebels, all his Cattel Corn and substance to the value of two thousand pounds and upwards; his House and habitation burnt to the ground: he being to his death loyal and very faithfull to the Parliament party; and we do further certifie that there is a poor Orphan of the said Mrs. *Martha Arundels* former husband living, who by reason of her tender age and weakness is a real object of Charity, she having not the worth of one farthing but the charity of good Christians, by reason of the horrid and bloody rebellion and the sad consequences therof, her fathers estate being only personal, swept clean away by the enemy, the which hath reduced his Widdow, Child, and Family to a sad and very distressed condition, all which we humbly testifie, knowing the same to be certain truths

Witness our hands and Seals, this 22th. day of *May* 1658.

Charls Coot.

Robert Parks.

Richard Saint George.

Thomas Crofton.

Edward Crofton.

William Summers.

Thomas Mapother.

Martha Hass alias Arundel
her Petition, 1660.



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